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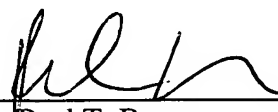
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**STATUS INQUIRY**

A response to a non-final Office Action (mailed October 22, 2003) was filed on March 22, 2004. Examiner Patel telephoned Applicants' undersigned representative on June 14, 2004 and requested that a copy of the filed response be sent to Examiner Patel via facsimile. Applicant's undersigned representative complied with the request on June 15, 2004. However, since then Applicants have not received any Official Action from the Patent Office regarding the application. Inquiry is made as to when an Action will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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